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SUBJECT: TRADE ACT OF 1974 - GSP

1. FOLLOWING IS IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS POSED REFTELS:

2. AN EXAMINATION OF 1973 US IMPORT DATA INDICATES
THAT OF PRODUCTS PROPOSED BY PRESIDENT TO BE
CONSIDERED FOR GSP, DOMINICAN EXPORTS OF FOLLOWING
ARTICLES ACCOUNTED FOR OVER 50 PERCENT OF TOTAL US
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IMPORTS OF THOSE ARTICLES.

TSUS ARTICLE DESCRIPTION

136.00 DASHEENS, FRESH, CHILLED OR FROZEN
136.98 PEAS, FRESH OR CHILLED, ENTERING 7/1-9/30
141.55 PEAS IN BRINE, PACKED IN SALT, PICKLED OR
OTHERWISE PRESERVED EXCEPT DRIED
149.15 PLANTAINS, PREPARED OR PRESERVED
152.30 ORANGE PEEL, PREPARED OR PRESERVED, EXCLUDING
CRUDE DRIED OR IN BRINE
152.46 FRUIT PASTE AND PULP, CASHEW APPLES, ETC.
152.54 GUAVA PASTE, PULP
152.62 ORANGE PASTE, PULP
153.00 JELLIES, JAMS ETC. OF CASHEW APPLES, ETC.
153.08 GUAVA JELLY, JAM, MARMALADES AND FRUIT BUTTERS

3. AVOCADOES AND PAPAYAS NOT RPT NOT ON PROPOSED US
GSP LIST.

4. DOMINICAN EXPORTS OF SUGAR EXCEEDED \$25 MILLION
COMPETITIVE NEED CEILING IN 1973.

5. IMPORTS INTO PUERTO RICO FIGURE IN US GLOBAL
IMPORT STATISTICS.

6. FINAL DETERMINATION HAS NOT YET BEEN MADE AS TO
WHETHER PUERTO RICAN PRODUCTION OF AN ITEM IS
CONSIDERED US DOMESTIC PRODUCTION OF THAT ITEM FOR
PURPOSES OF SECTION 504(D).

7. NOTWITHSTANDING ABOVE, EMBASSY MAY WISH TO STRESS
IN ITS COMMENTS TO GODR ON THIS SUBJECT THAT IN 1973,
40 PERCENT OF DOMINICAN EXPORTS TO US ENTERED
DUTY-FREE. OF THE REMAINDER, OUR PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS
INDICATES THAT ABOUT \$23 MILLION WOULD HAVE BENEFITTED
FROM GSP HAD OUR SYSTEM BEEN IN EFFECT AT THAT TIME.
THIS ANALYSIS IS A STATIC ONE, HOWEVER, AND DOES NOT
TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE DYNAMIC ELEMENT OF EXPORT
DIVERSIFICATION WHICH IS A MAJOR FEATURE OF THE US
SYSTEM. OUR COMPETITIVE NEED FORMULA ENCOURAGES
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EXPORTS TO THE US BY NEWLY-ESTABLISHED INDUSTRIES
IN BENEFICIARY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. GODR SHOULD
ALSO BE AWARE THAT 1973 DATA USED HEREIN IS ONLY
ILLUSTRATIVE, AS LATER DATA WILL BE AVAILABLE
PRIOR TO IMPLEMENTATION OF US SYSTEM. FURTHERMORE,
LIST OF PRODUCTS AFFECTED BY COMPETITIVE NEED FORMULA
WILL BE REVIEWED ANNUALLY DURING LIFE OF GSP, WITH
REVIEW BASED ON PRIOR YEAR'S IMPORT DATA. KISSINGER

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